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Governor Corbett Announces Re-opening of Governor's School for the Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University; Encourages High School Juniors to Apply

Harrisburg – Governor Tom Corbett today announced the re-opening of the Governor's School for the Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh for the summer 2013 session.

Applications are now being accepted from high school juniors who attend a Pennsylvania public, charter, cyber charter, nonpublic or private secondary school, or participate in a homeschooled program.

Discontinued in 2009 under the previous administration, this five-week, summer residential program will emphasize cooperative learning and hands-on laboratory research for 56 talented high school science and math students.

"Intensive learning and practical skills that lead to careers in the sciences, mathematics, engineering and technology are critical to Pennsylvania's long-term economic success," Corbett said. "This program provides a pathway for students to secure high-paying jobs and affirms my commitment to ensuring Pennsylvania's students have access to high-quality educational programs."

Since taking office, Corbett has focused on providing the resources necessary for today's students to be well-prepared for success following high school graduation, whether they decide to enter the workforce or seek higher education.

"Pennsylvania is home to the best and brightest students in the country," Corbett said. "We need to ensure that quality educational opportunities are available for them to showcase their skills to be successful now and in the future."

Successful applicants will receive a full scholarship to the program with costs underwritten by a \$150,000 state grant and matching funds through donations from the school's alumni, parents and corporations.

The scholarship includes housing, meals and all instructional materials. Families are responsible for the cost of transportation to and from the university, personal items and spending money.

Students must commit to living on Carnegie Mellon University's campus for the duration of the program.

The program runs from June 30 to Aug. 3, 2013.

Applications must be completed and mailed by the applicant's guidance counselor and received in the program office no later than Friday, Feb. 15, 2013.

For additional information about Governor's Schools for the Sciences and to obtain an application, visit www-pgss.mcs.cmu.edu.

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